

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a holographic recording medium, comprising:

a step of forming a frame for surrounding at least one recording area on a transparent substrate;

a step of injecting a liquid holographic recording material into the frame;

a step of arranging a spacer composed of at least either a large number of beads or fibers along the frame before detaching the frame from the holographic recording material;

a step of attaching the transparent substrate to one press stage with a layer of the holographic recording material upward;

a press step of pressing a second transparent substrate against the layer of the holographic recording material by using another press stage via an elastic member; and

a step of curing at least a periphery of the layer of the holographic recording material in this pressed state.

7. (Original) The method for manufacturing a holographic recording medium according to claim 6, comprising the step of arranging another spacer between the spacers arranged along the frame, thereby defining a plurality of recording areas in an area surrounded by the spacers arranged along the frame.

8.-11. (Canceled)